



DIVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES

DEPARTMENT FOR SELF RELIANCE



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Program Changes to a Department, Integrity and Mission Remain the Same.

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – The Navajo Nation Program for Self Reliance has evolved from a program into a department and will now be known as the Department for Self Reliance (DSR).

On January 2, 2014, the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), General Assistance Program, Burial Assistance Program and Emergency Assistance Program transferred from the Division of Social Services' Department of Family Services to the Division of Social Services' Department for Self Reliance (DSR).

Mrs. Roxanne Gorman, NNDSR Department Manager III states, "the program focused on TANF, but with the incorporation of LIHEAP and GA it increases our role and as a result we are now a department. Funding has increased annually from thirty-one million to forty-eight million as well as serving twenty-five hundred (2500) TANF clients to include twelve hundred (1200) GA clients per month and eight to ten thousand (8,000-10,000) LIHEAP clients per year."

The department goals remain the same, to assist those in need and to empower those in need to become self-sufficient. For more information please visit your local DSR Office or call DSR Support Services toll free at (866) 347-2403 or direct at (928) 810-8553.

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